

Philadelphia Aug 31st

To Hon: Abraham Lincoln,

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through. The object of my addressing you is in
regard to the employees in the Adjusting room of the
U.S. Mint in this City. They are Ladies, all
respectable Ladies of reduced means. The rules
are that the Ladies shall go to work at the early
hour of 7. A.M. and shall work till 5th P.M.
in a close room, without a breathe of air and
with a hot fire in the room, all the time, such
weather as it has been here. Is it not an out=
rage, that Ladies should be confined in such a
manner, because they have the misfortune
to be poor. Ladies are daily almost hourly
taken sick and have to be carried home in car=
riages. And I consider it my duty as a med=
ical man to protest against killing Ladies in
such a manner. If you must employ females, do
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Respectfully Yours
C. H. Porter M. D.Aug. 22nd 81-Philad^a

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August 29, 1861

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